

The Broader Range of Missions

During the Cold War we optimized the Army to defeat the Soviet armed forces. We created the best Army in the world and won the war we never had to fight. Since then we have learned that we need an Army capable not only of defeating large enemy combat formations with precision engagements but also of meeting a broader range of missions, such as tracking and combating terrorists should the need arise, providing humanitarian assistance, maintaining peacekeeping forces, and helping local and state governments deal with domestic disaster.

We sustain these efforts for days, weeks, months, years, or decades—whatever it takes to get the job done.

Daily, we meet the demands for forward presence while remaining prepared to project power into any situation threatening our nation's interests. The Army remains deployed, as it has been every day for more than fifty years, in Europe, Korea, Panama, and Japan. We also have substantial numbers of soldiers deployed in Kuwait, Haiti, Bosnia, Honduras, Macedonia, and the Sinai. We sustain these efforts for days, weeks, months, years, or decades—whatever it takes to get the job done.

